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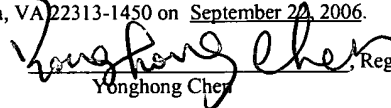
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1. English abstract of JP 10 220278 A
2. DE 197 55 557 C1 (English abstract is provided)
3. US 5,445,210
4. US 4,794,884

5. English abstract of JP 01 157755 A
6. English abstract of JP 2001-003807 A
7. English abstract of JP 2000-064902 A
8. DE 101 53 305 A1 (has English-language equivalent application of US 2003/0079852 A1 listed as Document 11)
9. DE 101 53 721 B4 (has English-language equivalent application of US 2003/0085018 A1 listed as Document 12)
10. DE 198 53 803 C1 (has English-language equivalent application of US 6,363,995 B1 listed as Document 13)
11. US 2003/0079852 A1
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13. US 6,363,995 B1

Documents 1-5 are cited in the ISR. Documents 6-7 are cited in the German Examination Report dated September 9, 2004. Documents 1-2 are also cited in the German Examination Report dated November 29, 2005. Documents 8-10 are mentioned in the background of the specification of the instant application. Document 11 is an English-language equivalent application of Document 8. Document 12 is an English-language equivalent application of Document 9. Document 13 is an English-language equivalent application of Document 10.

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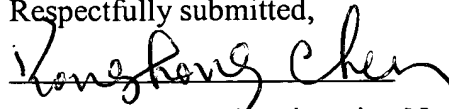
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Respectfully submitted,

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